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The purposes of our Movement are the unconditional acceptance of the Black demands and the use of these demands as an instrument for the humanizing of the entire community.

The Movement goes on until the Administration unconditionally accepts the Black demands and commits itself to working with the Alternate College in the development of a new educational structure -- a moral commitment before all else!

There is no reason why, at this stage, the Executive Committee has to act for the faculty. The action of the Executive Committee, in ordering faculty and students back to work, has no constitutional validity and everyone is urged to disregard it completely.

We mention the fact of amnesty, for those in our Movement who feel threatened, out of a strong sense of the humanizing function of our Movement; we mention the fact of amnesty for strategic reasons also -- to solidify our Movement; we mention the fact of amnesty for tactical reasons as well -- to bring those people, in the areas of Mathematics and Science, into the Movement and to move towards meeting some of their academic needs, under the umbrella of the Alternate College.

The Community has come gradually to realize that the Task Force, however lengthy its report, can only recommend, and that to be taken seriously, it must "put up" (or "shut up") -- it must either produce a statement that underlines a total

acceptance of the black demands and a commitment to work with the Alternate College in the development of a new structure to commit itself to the task of educating the President and the Board of Trustees to the new realities. The President's "special communications committee" would serve a useful purpose if it involved itself in the activities of our Movement, preferably under the umbrella of the Alternate College -- the vanguard of a New Deal.

We ask the Denisonian and other constituents of the Old Order to declare themselves so that all may know where they stand -- no more stabs on the back, no more fence-sitting, no more moral ambiguity.

The group, within the Alternate College, will work on the institutionalizing of the new processes of education; another, on the new dimensions of Student Power; Actively Involve Yourselves Here!

We ask you to direct and channel all information to and through our Communications Center. We are working actively to eliminate duplication and to streamline our information set-up. Consult the information desk regularly to keep up-to-date on everything that is happening. Check carefully the Alternate College curriculum!

We remind the community that there are individuals and groups who are actively seeking to spread confusion, to divide us, discourage us, to send agents provocateurs into our meetings, etc. in order to disrupt and to intimidate. Let us

play it cool!

The Alternate College is a new, participatory academic democracy - of the people, for the people, by the people; it must not, and shall not perish.

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